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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO.1878-MC-FFS

**DATE:** January 23, 2018

**TO:** Iowa Medicaid Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners, Physicians and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists

**APPLIES TO:** Managed Care (MC), Fee-for-Service (FFS)

**FROM:** Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**RE:** Anesthesia Conversion Factor and Base Unit Updates

**EFFECTIVE:** February 1, 2018

Informational Letter [1797-MC-FFS](#), issued June 1, 2017, notified providers that the department will update the Medicaid anesthesia conversion factor to equal the January 1, 2018, Iowa Medicare anesthesia conversion factor converted to a per minute unit amount.

The Iowa Medicaid anesthesia conversion factor will be changed from the current amount of \$1.40 per minute to the updated amount of \$1.37 per minute (\$20.55 / 15 minutes).

Additionally, the following changes will be made to the anesthesia base units to align with Medicare base units, converted to a unit of service equal to one minute. These changes are consistent with provisions under 441 Iowa Administrative Code 79.1(7)"d".

Procedure Code	Current Medicaid Base Unit*	Updated Medicaid Base Unit*
00731	New	75
00732	New	90
00811	New	60
00812	New	45
00813	New	75
01924	90	75

\*The anesthesia base units for ARNPs are calculated at 85 percent of the amounts in the table above.

The IME appreciates your continued partnership as we work to improve the claim processing service quality and accuracy. If you have questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909 or email at [imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us).